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In re Application of:

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Serial No.: 09/978,318

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MUTATED IN MULTIPLE CANCERS

Group Art Unit: 1653

Examiner: SHEELA JITENDRA HUFF

Atty. Dkt. No.: UTSC:671US/SLH

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED OCTOBER 6, 2003

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Commissioner:

This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 6, 2003 for which the date for response was November 6, 2003.

A request for a one-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This one-month extension will bring the due date to December 6, 2003, which is within the six-month statutory period. Should such request or fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/UTSC:671US/SLH.

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In response to the restriction requirement which the Examiner imposed, Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute group 1 claims drawn to polynucleotide, expression vectors, host cells and recombinant methods of making a polypeptide classified in class 435, subclass 320.1+ and subgroup A. Seq. ID No. 2 or a sequence encoding SEQ. ID. No. 1.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorneyat (512) 536-3184 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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